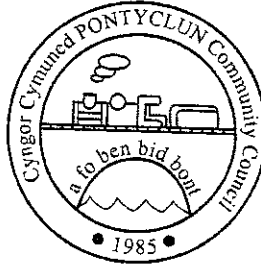


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Minutes of the September monthly meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the vestry of the Babel Chapel, Llantrisant Road, Groesfaen, Pontyclun, at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 September, 2011.

**PRESENT:** Community Councillors J G Davies, D Clayton-Jones, P Griffiths, J V Huish, S Rogers and C Willis

**Also in attendance:** Three members of the public and, for part of the meeting, PCs Mike Perry and Darren Pike and PCSO Jade Lewis of the South Wales Police Constabulary

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Ms V A Cale, S R Jenkins, R G Norman and M Rea

2. **Declarations of interest**

The following declarations of interest were made:

**Councillor J V Huish** for agenda items 4, 9(e) and 9(l) – " I am a member of the Borough Council and its Planning Committee"

3. **Order of business**

The Chairperson advised that she was revising the order of business to allow Mr Mark Jackson of Valad Scarborough to give a presentation on his company's proposals for a new town centre.

4. **Proposals for a new town centre**

(Councillor Huish declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in this item of business. Councillor Huish remained in the Council chamber but took no part in the Council's deliberations)

The Council received a presentation from Mr Mark Jackson, Managing Director of Valad Scarborough, on the proposals for a new town centre on land to the north of the Community and east of Cowbridge Road on the site currently occupied by Leeke's and formerly occupied by the Permutit and Staedtler factories.

Following a question and answer session Mr Jackson was thanked for his an informative presentation and for his responses to Members' queries.

5. **Residents' concerns**

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Dr Brendan O'Reilly drew the Council's attention to the celebrations taking place in 2012 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Dr O'Reilly stated that he believed that in the past there had been objections, possibly on political grounds, to attendance at events such as the Queen's Garden Parties but stated that the Pontyclun Action Group were in favour of the Community Council being represented at the Queen's Garden Parties. He would encourage the Community Council to become involved with celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Councillor Huish stated that he was unaware of any political opposition from the Council to Royal events in the past and that he had been privileged to personally escort the Queen on her last official visit to Wales.

Councillor Clayton-Jones advised Dr O'Reilly that if there were any members of PAG who wished to attend the Queen's Garden Parties he could assist in obtaining invitations for those members.

**Minutes of the Council's meeting of 12 July, 2011**

Mr A R Lane referred to the minutes of the Council's meeting of <sup>12</sup>~~13~~ July, 2011, and stated that he wished to have a correction to minute No. 8.

The Clerk advised that the approval or correction of minutes of a Council meeting was a matter for the Council alone. It was not a matter open to the general public.

The Chair advised Mr Lane that the minute appeared to be correct but asked for his reason for wanting an amendment. Mr Lane responded that the minute was not sufficiently detailed.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Lane be requested to provide the Council with his version of how minute 8 should read.

6. **Police matters**

(a) **Reports from the police**

PCs Mike Perry and Darren Pike reported that the previous month had been relatively quiet with only 8 crimes being reported.

The most serious had been a burglary where investigations were continuing.

During the month the police had targeted crimes involving scrap metal and theft from vehicles.

(b) **Reports from Members**

No reports were received this month.

7. **Minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 12 July, 2011**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Council's meeting of 12 July, 2011, be approved as an accurate record.

8. **Matters arising**

(a) **Pontyclun Public Conveniences**

The Clerk reported that he had checked out the terms and conditions of the proposed architect with an architect's practice in Talbot Green. The Talbot Green architect had confirmed that the hypothetical charges he would have charged would have been similar to those quoted by the Community Council's architect.

Having received this assurance the Clerk had signed the contract of engagement with the Newport based architect.

The Clerk had agreed a meeting with the Council's architect which was planned for 19 September, 2011. At this meeting the architect proposed taking further measurements on site.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

(b) **Ways of improving communication with the public**

**RESOLVED:** That in the absence of Councillor Jenkins this item of business be deferred to the next monthly meeting of the Council.

9. **Matters reported for decision**

(a) **Proposed Community Flood Plan**

The Clerk reminded the Council of a presentation given by a representative of the Environment Agency earlier in the summer when it was suggested that the Community Council organise a public meeting in Pontyclun to assist in the production of a Community Flood Plan.

While the major roles in producing a Community Flood Plan would be undertaken by the Environment Agency in conjunction with the Fire & Rescue Service and the Borough Council it was planned that at a public meeting residents would be recruited from at risk flood areas who would have local knowledge of vulnerable people living in their areas.

It had been tentatively agreed that if the Community Council could make suitable premises available for the public meeting, the Environment Agency would coordinate the presence of the other major players and produce publicity material to advertise the public meeting.

The Clerk sought dates from Members when they would be available in order to attend a public meeting.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) That the Clerk contact the Environment Agency to confirm the Community Council's willingness to support a public meeting in the creation of the Environment Agency's Community Flood Plan.
  - (ii) That the Community Council would expect the Environment Agency to select a date and a local venue for the meeting.
  - (iii) That the Community Council would expect the Environment Agency to produce appropriate material for display in Community Council noticeboards to advertise the event.

(b) **Community Council's accounts for 2010/11**

The Clerk reported that he had hoped the Council's Internal Auditor would have completed her audit of the Council's accounts for 2010/11 in order that her report could have been presented at this meeting.

The report had not been received in time and, as a result, it would now be necessary to convene a Special Meeting of the Council for the accounts and Internal Auditor's report to be presented.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk convene a Special Meeting when the Internal Auditor's report was received.

(c) **Cannon & Smith, solicitors, Pontyclun**

The Council received copies of correspondence which had taken place between Cannon & Smith, solicitors, Councillor Jenkins and the Clerk about a proposal by the solicitors to offer a 10% discount off will drafting for clients who made reference to the Pontyclun Community Council.

The Council also received the advice of the Wales Regional Adviser of the Society of Local Council Clerks on the solicitors' proposal.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council decline the proposal made by Cannon & Smith.

(d) **Fly Cardiff Campaign**

The Council received information about the Fly Cardiff campaign to encourage the management at Cardiff Airport to escalate its activities in providing better air services to and from Cardiff Airport.

The campaign had started as a result of the decision of BMI Baby, the airport's only low-cost scheduled operator, to cease flights at the end of September leaving Wales and its travelling public without any low cost operator flying to European destination.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council support the campaign in principle.

(e) **Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel**

(Councillor Huish declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in this item of business. Councillor Huish remained in the Council chamber but took no part in the Council's deliberations)

The Council received the draft Annual Report for 2012/13 and was invited to comment.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council decline to make any comment.

(f) **Standards Conference for Wales**

The Council received an invitation to nominate representatives to attend the Annual Standards Conference for Wales to be held on 5 October, 2011.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council decline to make any nominations.

(g) **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

The Council received information on the Beacons Project which will form an important part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations during Diamond Jubilee Weekend from 2<sup>nd</sup> through to 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. The Project would involve a Bonfire Beacon or Church Tower Beacon being lit in local communities.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council register its interest in taking part in Project Beacon and involving local schools.

(h) **Bridgend Samaritans**

The Council, in response for its continued support for the Bridgend Samaritans, was invited to the branch's Thank You Evening on 24 November, 2011.

**RESOLVED:** That the invitation be noted.

(i) **Victim Support**

The Council discussed an application for financial assistance from Victim Support a charity providing emotional and practical support for the victims of crime.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council make a donation of £100.00

(j) **Pontyclun Business Support Group**

The Council discussed an application for financial assistance from Mr John Enticott of the Pontyclun Business Support Group.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Enticott be invited along to the next meeting of the Community Council to make a presentation in connection with his application.

(k) **Girlguiding Cymru**

The Council discussed a letter from Miss Angharad Rees of Girlguiding Cymru who had represented Wales at the international event in Belgium. Miss Rees said that she would be happy to come along to a meeting of the Community Council to talk about her experience at the event.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk make arrangements with Miss Rees to come along to a future meeting of the Council.

(l) **Planning**

(Councillor Huish declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in this item of business. Councillor Huish remained in the Council chamber but took no part in the Council's deliberations)

The Council received details of planning applications contained in the latest Weekly Notifications from the Borough Council.

**RESOLVED:** That no comments be made to the Planning Authority on the applications contained in the latest Weekly Notifications.

(m) **Payment of creditors**

**RESOLVED:** That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 11 to the Council's agenda.

10. **Matters reported for decision since the despatch of agendas**

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a comprehensive programme of training courses to be run by One Voice Wales during the autumn and winter. Copies of the programme were distributed.

**RESOLVED:** That any Member wishing to take advantage of the training on offer should contact the Clerk.

11. **Matters reported for information**

(a) **New town development proposals**

As this item had been brought forward to agenda item 4 there was no further discussion on this matter.

(b) **Local Government (Wales) Measure, 2011**

The Council received a copy of a summary produced in conjunction with the Society of Local Council Clerks and Nicholas Hancox, solicitors, detailing how 12 provisions in the Measure were likely to affect community councils in Wales.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

(c) **Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011-2026**

The Council received a letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council stating that a revised timetable indicated that consultation on the Deposit LDP will now take place in December, 2011, and January, 2012, with an indicative adoption date of January, 2014.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

12. The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.